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* Amb. Colby leaves Vietnam 14 December enroute

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1. WISH ALERT YOU THAT WHEN AMB COLBY WAS
REF A PARA 4 PROPOSALS HE MENTIONED ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS
TO ME THAT IF HIS ORGANIZATION CONCEPT WAS ACCEPTED HE
WOULD ASK [REDACTED] TO HEAD UP
THIS INTERNAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE OF MACV/CORDS. IF THIS
OVERTURE DID NOT RESULT IN [REDACTED] BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR
SERVICE IN VIETNAM, AMB COLBY WOULD PRESS FOR TOP-NOTCH
GENERAL TO HEAD THIS NEW UNIT.

2. WHILE HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED HIS PHOENIX STAFFING PLANS
WITH ME IN DETAIL, IT CLEAR AMB COLBY IS TOYING WITH IDEA OF
ASKING [REDACTED] FOR THREE OR FOUR ADDITIONAL SENIOR [REDACTED]
OFFICERS TO BE EITHER PHOENIX REGIONAL COORDINATORS OR DEPUTY COORDINATORS
REGIONAL COORDINATORS' JOBS NOW HELD BY
FULL COLONELS. RECOMMEND [REDACTED] NOT PUT ITS MANPOWER

* Not received c/s AS
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INTO THESE POSITIONS, FOR RETURN NOT LIKELY TO BE COMMENSURATE WITH OUR INVESTMENT.

3. RECOMMEND [REDACTED] BE ALERTED TO PARA 2 POSSIBILITY, FOR IT COULD BE RAISED WHILE AMB COLBY IS IN WASHINGTON AS OF 16 DEC.

4. IT CLEAR FROM ALL THAT HAS BEEN VENTILATED AS PRELUDE TO AMB COLBY'S 14 DEC TRIP TO WASHINGTON, THAT HE UNHAPPY WITH AID PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND ITS PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM. THIS IN PART HAS INFLUENCED AMB COLBY TO TRY TO GET [REDACTED] MANPOWER WHICH INVOLVED IN [REDACTED] UNDER HIS CONTROL SO THAT HE CAN USE THIS TALENT ACROSS THE BOARD IN ENTIRE POLICE PROGRAM, I.E., PRISON CONTROL, ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR ENTIRE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, ETC. IN MY VIEW, THIS ATTEMPT SHOULD BE BLOCKED, FOR IT WOULD DISSIPATE OUR MANPOWER RESOURCES IN PERIOD OF TIGHT PERSONNEL CEILINGS INTO [REDACTED] EFFORTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT, FOR NOW, THIS ATTEMPT HAS BEEN CHECKMATED AS OUTLINED IN REF A PARA 4. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS IDEA MIGHT SURFACE AGAIN. GP-1

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